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Minnesota Farmers Union Hosts Bi-annual Women's Conference in Little Falls

ST. PAUL (May 1, 2017) – Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) is hosting their biannual Women's Leadership Conference Saturday, June 3, 2017 at the Franciscan Convent in Little Falls. 14 percent of family farms have women as the principal operator and 29 percent of businesses are owned by women. These numbers are growing every year.

"It is very important to invest time and education in encouraging women's leadership," said MFU President Gary Wertish "I personally invite all women from rural communities and urban communities to attend this year's conference which highlights the essential pieces of launching and continuing a farm or small business. We are proud of the guests we have joining us and feel they will provide important information to those who attend."

Guest speakers include Julie Anderholm from Central Lakes College, Lisa Valiant from MN Farmers Union Insurance Agency, Representatives from the MN Department of Ag, Brianna Johnson from MN FSA, Susan Seanoa from Rural Development, Mary Gritzmacher from Unity Bank in Little Falls, and Theresa Reps from Midwest Dairy. Along with local business owners from Old Creamery Quilt Shop, Linda Thesing and Janelle Johnson and Sprout Growers and Markers Marketplace, Arlene Jones.

The focus of this year's women's conference is helping women "drive forward" in their dreams and successes. The conference will offer key information that plays a big role in the development and growth of a farm or small business. This also offers an opportunity to network with other women that are in the same situation with similar dreams and goals in a warm and welcoming environment.

We encourage other outlets to spread the word of this conference to their clients and members. This conference is open to the public to attend. More information can be obtained by calling Minnesota Farmers Union at 651-639-1223.

You can find a working agenda at www.mfu.org/pages/2017womensconference.

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